



Hello and welcome to the new academic year here at Ramsden Hall. It's been a whirlwind start to the year and I can't believe that we are already at half term! It's been another busy half term with students getting stuck into their new timetables. We've welcomed a number of new students this September and it's been great seeing them get into life at Ramsden. I hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to.

Some of our year 8 students have been working together in activity time to create diorama's in DT. Stanley, Jack and Finlay have been using their time in activities to create a camping scene, complete with lake, boat house, camper van and bivvies.

The boys were very proud of their final pieces with each individual piece made to fit with another. This is great team work boys! Well done!



SESSSA Year 7&8 Football Tournament

A team of 7 boys took part in the tournament and after 2 wins and 2 draws from our 4 games were victorious for the 2nd year running.

They played well as a team and showed very good behaviour and sportsmanship.

Well done boys



Jack Petchey Awards

On Tuesday 23rd September The Jack Petchey Foundation hosted their annual winners awards ceremony for the Basildon District Schools and Clubs Associations at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon. This saw invites to the winners from Ramsden Hall for the 2024/2025 academic year for both the Achievement and Leader Award Schemes. Both the Achievement and Leadership Award recognises the efforts of staff and students who have gone beyond the norms. The Achievement Award winners attending included Nick Shala, Callum King and Finlay Grimes, who were all recognised for there achievements. Well deserved awards for all who are in receipt.



Latimer league fixture

On Wednesday 8th October we had our 1st League fixture this year against Kingswode Hoe at Billericay Town.

2 goals from Sonny and 2 for Hunter gave us a very good 4-2 win and a great start to the season. The fair play award went to Hunter our next game will be in November away to Grove House.



Design Technology and Construction

This half term our students have got stuck into their DT projects, building many different modes of transport using wood and learning the basics as they begin their construction course in year 9. It's great to see the students being creative and learning new



Animal Care

Students have enjoyed getting to know the animals in the school and how we look after them. The chickens have proved to be very popular as well as the guinea pigs.

It's been great to see the students work together to create a lovely environment for the animals and teaching each other how to handle them.



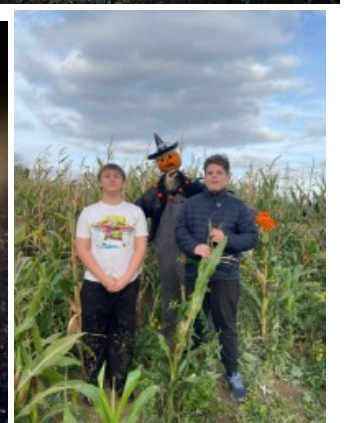
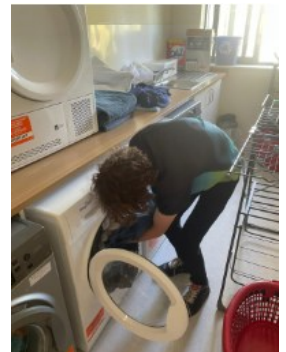
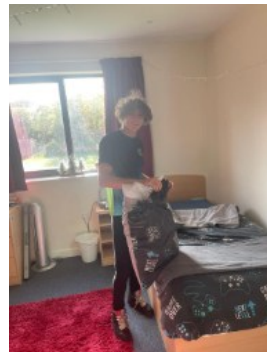
Birch and Redwood

Our Birch and Redwood students have had a whirlwind start to their time at Ramsden Hall. They've adapted well to a new learning environment and their new classes. They've been learning about Mary Seacole and her medical remedies for Black History Month, states in Science with lots of fun practical lessons with shaving foam, ice and chocolate. They have also been take part in Forest school, DT, Art, Food Technology, Animal Care, PE, English and Maths! Phew. It's been a busy but fun few weeks! Some of the students have also been out and about for Personal Development. As you can see, lots of fun has been had!



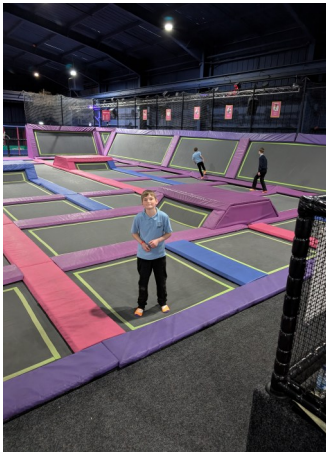
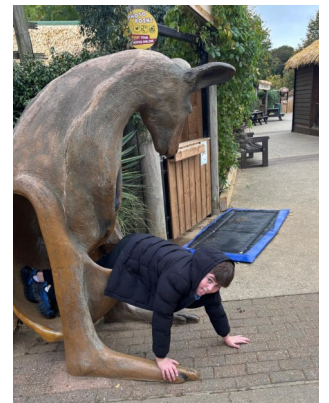
Boarding

This term the boarders have been getting up to many exciting and fun things. We have been making the most of the late summer sun whilst also preparing for the autumn which brings Halloween of course. the boys loved going to the pumpkin fun and collecting an abundance of pumpkins. We then spent a lovely evening doing Halloween activities and carving our pumpkins. This term we have also been using the gym, having our fire pits, that we love, and helping to groom and look after Lady the horse. Some of the older boarders have also been learning valuable life skills that will be crucial as they grow up.



Reward Trips

This week has been the super fun REWARD TRIP WEEK! Each week students gain trip tokens for their behaviour and attitude to learning, linking to the Ramsden 4 R's. This half term we've been to Colchester Zoo, Legoland, Oxygen trampoline park, Paintball and Laser Tag! It's been a great week celebrating the student' achievements and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication to learning at Ramsden.



Achievements

Points

Key Stage 3

Cameron— 1477

Ralph— 1433

Koah— 1405

Key Stage 4

Freddie—1362

Jay—1332

Josh—1321

Many of our students have worked hard to achieve their points each lesson, with a record number achieving 60 points in a day!

Well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance!

Archie J	Hunter	Logan
Cameron	Isaac H	Mario
Cole F	Jimmy BB	Matthew
Finley W-R	Joseph E	Nick S
Freddie F	Joseph F	Patrick
Harley B	Kayden M	Ralph
Sam L	Shane	Stanley
Taylan	Vinnie	



Word from the head



 As we come to the end of this first term, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued hard work and commitment. It's been a busy and positive start to the academic year at Ramsden Hall Academy. A very warm welcome to the new students who joined us in September – you have settled in brilliantly and are already making a valued contribution to our school community. 

 We have also been delighted to hear how well our former Year 11 students are doing in their new colleges, apprenticeships, and employment. Their successes are a testament to their determination and the support of staff and families throughout their time here. 

 I wish all students, staff, and families a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to continuing our journey together next term. 

